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| In re Application of | : | |
| Isaiah Freeman | : | |
| Application No. 10/849,889 | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Filed: May 21, 2004 | : | |
| Attorney Docket No. 21763.00 | : | |

This is a decision on the petition under 1.137(b) filed January 23, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed October 10, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 7, 2007.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Dolph H. Torrence appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Notice of Appeal and \$255 fee; (2) the petition fee of \$770; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37 (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), runs from the date of this decision.

This application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3617, to await the filing of an appeal brief or for such other appropriate reply as may be submitted to continue prosecution of the application.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Smith', is written over the printed name.

Andrea Smith
Petitions Examiner
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